

SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - 1948.TO:- THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1948. The report includes information forwarded by Dr. R.A. Read who held the post of Medical Officer of Health until July 4th 1948.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population (Registrar-General's figure)	7587
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<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total	63	64	127
Legitimate	60	62	122
Illegitimate	3	2	5

<u>Birth Rate.</u>	16.7 per 1000
England & Wales ..	17.9 " "

<u>Deaths under 1 year.</u> ... male -, female 1 (legitimate)	
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<u>Infant Mortality.</u>	7.96 per 1000 live births.
England & Wales ..	34.00 " " "

<u>Still Births</u>	male 1, female - (legitimate).
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<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	41	46	87

<u>Death Rate</u>	11.5 per 1000
England & Wales ..	10.8 " "

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	1	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
Cancer of Uterus	-	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1	2
Cancer of Breast	-	-
Cancer of all other sites ...	7	4
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions ...	5	4
Heart Diseases	16	18
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	-
Bronchitis	2	2
Pneumonia	1	1
Other respiratory diseases ..	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	1
Nephritis	-	1
Premature Birth	-	1
Acute Inf. Encephalitis ...	1	-
Puerperal & Post abort. sepsis ..	-	1
Other Maternal Causes ...	-	-
Suicide	1	1
Traffic Accident ..	-	3
Other violent causes ...	-	4
All other causes ...	4	4

<u>41</u>	<u>46</u>
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Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

Measles	76
Pneumonia	1
Whooping Cough	32
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

It will be noted that the Registrar General's population figure is slightly lower than that estimated for 1947. The Birth Rate of 16.7 per 1000 population is practically the same as last year but the Death Rate (11.5 per 1000 population) is appreciably lower than that reported in 1947 (14.3 per 1000); diseases of the Heart and Circulatory System and Cancer were the most frequently notified causes of death. The fact that there was only one death in children under the age of one year (giving the very low Infantile Mortality Rate of 7.96 per 1000 live births) and only one Still-birth will give rise to satisfaction.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

At the end of the year 962 children (67.5%) had been immunised against Diphtheria at some time in their lives; of these 84 had completed treatment during 1948. These figures are probably not quite accurate for a number of parents will have had their children immunised privately by their family doctor the records of which are not available.

Water Supplies.

In some parts of the Rural District water supplies were not altogether satisfactory in regard to either quantity or quality. Private owners of water supplies have been cooperative for the most part and by the end of the year headway had been made towards bringing about improvements; indeed considerable progress had been made towards providing the parish of Staintondale with a public water supply from the bore holes at Ravenscar.

Sewage Disposal.

For the Southern part of the area plans were in progress for establishing much needed sewage and drainage schemes and at the date of preparation of this report contracts had been invited for the provision of an extensive scheme to serve the Seamer, Irton and Ayton areas.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for that part of the Report which follows :-

HOUSING.

Housing Survey.

Houses Surveyed	...	...	...	...	...	697
No. of Informal Notices served	..	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of Statutory Notices served	..	...	...	...	...	14
Housing Inspections other than surveys						94

WATER.

The village of Ravenscar has now been placed on to a public supply, the private supply having been bought by the Council, and a new source of supply provided. The water main is being extended down the Parish of Staintondale. The supply has been satisfactory generally.

Sawdon spring failed during the year, and water was carried by the N.F.S. A new scheme has been approved by the Ministry for the village to be supplied from Troutdale (Snainton).



WATER (Continued).

Routine samples taken from the supplies at Smainton, Staintondale, Brompton, Ayton and Hutton Buscel and from private supplies at Ruskin Cottage and Seamer Carr Farm were found to be contaminated. In all cases further samples proved satisfactory after treatment had been carried out. In two of the cases wells were closed for drinking purposes. Quarterly sampling is now taken on all supplies, public and private.

115 inspections were carried out re complaints of water supply.

DRAINAGE.

A scheme has been approved and works have commenced for the provision of sewers and sewage works to the villages of Seamer, Irton, East and West Ayton, and the new Scarborough housing scheme at Cayton, at an estimated cost of £81,000. The remainder of the schemes as reported last year are still in abeyance.

73 inspections were carried out re drain stoppages.

INSPECTIONS.

Plans submitted and approved	...	...	...	...	132
Plans disapproved	...	...	...	...	7
Houses fumigated after Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools abolished	...	...	...	...	1
Privies abolished	...	...	...	...	9
Water closets provided	...	...	...	...	11
Water closets to new property	...	...	...	...	44
No. of Inspections made for Nuisances only	..	..	..	..	64
No. of Nuisances found	...	...	...	...	17
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	3
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	3
Informal notices served	...	...	...	...	14
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	14
Registered Camping Sites in District	..	..	..	..	7
Notices served re breaches of Camping Bye Laws	...	...	...	...	Nil
Inspections made in connection with same	...	...	...	...	43
Samples of water taken for analysis (Chemical and Bacteriological)					34
Cowshed Inspections	...	...	...	...	90
Squatters premises inspected	...	...	...	...	8
Derelict buildings removed	...	...	...	...	Nil
Tip Inspections	...	...	...	...	4
Slaughterhouse Inspections	...	...	...	...	5
Premises treated for rats	..	..	..	..	14
Inspections of Council Houses for repairs	...	...	...	...	172

SANITARY.

There were seven seizures of unsound food, weighing a total of 440 lbs.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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